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Massage arm**Claims**

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1. Massage arm (1), comprising a massage element (2), for a
massage unit that can be incorporated into a massage chair
or similar, where said massage arm (1) is hinged on at
least one shaft that can be moved by a drive in the
massage unit and has an articulated connection to the
massage element (2), characterized in
that the articulated connection comprises a ball-and-
socket joint (3).

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20 2. Massage arm (1) according to Claim 1, characterized
in that the ball-and-socket joint (3)
displays a ball head (9), located on the end opposite the
articulated connection (5) to the shaft, which is mounted
in a ball socket (10) located on the massage element (2).

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3. Massage arm according to Claim 2, characterized
in that the ball head (9) displays two
opposite pins (12), which engage opposite openings (13) in
the ball socket (10).

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4. Massage arm according to Claim 3, characterized
in that the openings (13) are of elongated
design towards the edge of the ball socket (10), such that
the pivoting angle of the ball-and-socket joint (3) in the
plane formed by the two longitudinal axes of the openings
(13), is restricted to a predetermined range.

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5. Message arm according to Claims 2 to 4, c h a r a c -
t e r i z e d i n t h a t the ball head (9) displays an
extension (11) projecting beyond the ball socket (10) for
5 connection to the massage arm (1), and the ball socket
(10) is provided with a U-shaped groove (14) that is open
towards the edge of the ball socket (10) and into which
the extension (11) can be pivoted.

10 6. Message arm according to Claims 2 to 5, c h a r a c -
t e r i z e d i n t h a t the massage element (2)
displays a supporting part (6), with massage bodies (7)
for acting on the human body located on one side of the
supporting part (6), where the supporting part (6)
15 consists of two halves, in the parting line area of each
of which one half of the ball socket (10) is integrally
molded on the supporting part (6) in one piece on the side
of the supporting part (6) opposite the massage bodies
(7).

20 7. Message arm according to Claim 6, c h a r a c t e r -
i z e d i n t h a t the supporting part halves and the
ball socket halves are in each case designed as plastic
parts, injection-molded in one piece.